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Welcome To The Premier Issue

By Mike Felerski

The **Sinclair Dekstop Publishing Journal** is a publication for Sinclair and Timex/Sinclair computer owners who are in-ested in Desktop Publishing, Graphics (i.e. SCREEN$s) and Word Processing. Since more and more users are getting involved in combined text and graphics for newsletters, invitations, booklets, instruction sheets, and more, there has become a great need for specialized software packages to produce these documents. For instance, this newsletter is being created using the latest Sinclair Desk-top Publishing package by Steve Spalding, **Customized Pixel Print** (see other article).

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all Sinclair users up to date on the latest programs and versions of programs for producing documents on the Sinclair computers. We also hope to include any helpful hints, bug fixes or ideas to assist our readers in the wonderful world of **Sinclair Desktop Publishing.**

Getting Your Copy of TSDPJ.

The **Sinclair Desktop Publishing Journal** will be published four times in 1990 (January, April, July and October). There are currently enough articles for the 1990 issues, but there is room for more. If there is enough interest, the newsletter will continue into 1991. The cost of each newsletter is 50 cents. This covers the cost of printing, postage and handling.

If you wish to purchase the latest issue and/or any back issues (current issues will be mailed the 15th of every publish month) send 50 cents per issue and a list of the issues you would like to:

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New Customized Pixel Print

Take one of the best desktop publishing programs for the TS2068 by Stan Lemke, place it into the hands of a top notch program enhancer like Steve Spalding, and what do you get... **Customized Pixel Print.** This new version of the famous Pixel Print Plus program incorporates seven new options:

View	Greeting Card
Double	Selectable
Move	Save/Load
Null Filename	Mark/Unmark Fold

View

The view option on the Main Menu lets you view the entire column within a small window on the screen. It also indicates the current screen location within the column. With the **Customized Pixel Print Professional**, both columns in memory are displayed side by side. This is an extreamly useful feature that up until now was only availavle on high price machines like IBM PCs and Apple MacIntoshs

Double

Double is an option in the Graphics sub-menu. It allows the user to double the size of an icon (or any other 4x7 character size section of screen) to 8x14. After the icon has been doubled, the user has the option to accept or reject the doubling.

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The Print Factory Gains in Popularity

The Print Factory from Kris and Eric Boisvert of **Byte Power** Magazine is gaining popularity as a complete desktop publishing system for **both** the TS2068 and Sinclair Spectrum. **The Print Factory** package comes with eleven programs and utilities to satisfy the hungriest DTP user. The programs and utilities included are:

First Edition	64 column graphic based DTP.
The Press	64 column SCREEN$ based DTP.
Letter Perfect	NLQ proportional printing word processor.
The Labeler	A graphic based label maker.
The Banner Printer	Makes banners w/ fonts & graphics.
The Card Maker	Makes up to four sided cards fast and easy.

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Selectable Save/Load

The selectable Save and the selectable Load options allow the user to Save and Load portions of a column, say just the first 30 lines or the middle 50 lines. Previously this feature could be added by code changes made by the user, and found in the *Pixel Print Press* **Fall 1988** issue.

Null File Name

To quote the **Pixel Print Customized Manual**, "Any time you are prompted for a file name, and decide to abort the operation you can simply press **ENTER** to return to the Main Menu." Need we say more?

Move

Two new Move options have been added to the Move Menu in addition to (T)op and (B)ottom, they are 6 (down arrow) and 7 (up arrow). Pressing 6 will take the user to the bottom of a column and 7 to the top of the column instantly. I just wish there was a Page command to move down a screen at a time.

Greeting Card

You can now create your own greeting cards with the new **Customized Pixel Print.** Simply, you use the first half of a column to design the front of a card, and the bottom half for the inside of the card. This gives Sinclair users one of the most flexible card makers that is available. The drawback is that it makes it a little more time consuming deciding what to do and where to put it--ah, freedom is wonderful.

Mark/Unmark Fold

This feature goes hand in hand with the Greeting Card option. It helps you quickly find the middle four rows to leave blank when designing a greeting card. Pressing M in the Graphics Menu places two small markers in the center of the column. Pressing U removes these "fold" markers.

The new **Customized Pixel Print** contains all of these features plus almost all of the original features of **Pixel Print Plus.** There is also a new Borders package available from **Sting Graphics** (see below). Being as objective as possible, there are very few changes that I would like to see such as centering of text and paging in Move. To obtain your copy of **Customized Pixel Print** send $5.00 to:

Steve Spalding
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103 McLean Ave
Royal Oak, MI
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From the Rumor Mill...

Stan Lemke may be working on **Pixel Print Version 5** for a release in 1990.

Byte Power Magazine may cease software developement if sales do not increase this year. Now is really the time to buy--don't wait.

A truly Dead Computer is one which has no new professional software being developed for it.

A **Tasword** Spell Checker is in the works as well as a Cross DOS File transfer utility.

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Quick Screen	Use PF graphic designs to create SCREEN$s.
File Keeper	Mix and match graphic designs to create custom libraries.
The Translater	Translates Lemke/Zebra Icons to PF graphic format.
The Creator	Create your own custom graphic designs.
ZX Driver	Use TS2040 or compatible rather than full size printer.

All of these programs come on two cassette tapes with the most impressive documentation Timex and Sinclair users have seen in a long time. The entire package is available for $24.95 (US).

Each of the programs uses the TS2068 or Kempston compatible joystick for Point-and-Click operations. Even in Spectrum emulation, users can use the TS2068 Left joystick port (an amazing feature in its self).

In the next issue of **TSDPJ** we will cover each of the programs from **Byte Power** in depth including tips on printer setups (send me yours), tricks, new releases and uses for the programs. I highly recomend this package from:

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